

New England Women's Golf Association Report

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The location of the NEWGA tournament was at Shuttle Meadow Country Club in Kensington, Ct. The tournament was scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, July 13th, 14th and 15th. Due to the scheduling the tournament conflicted with the Southern Maine Women's Golf Association Championships and many of the Maine women who support this event are from southern Maine courses. It was also the furthest away of any of the tournaments so is more lightly attended by the more northern states. Maine had two entries, Jennifer Weiland and Merriby Sweet.

Our thanks to Merriby and Jen (and her parents) for making that long trip to represent Maine in this event. I might note that Merriby makes good friends around the bar no matter where she is, what was that game Merriby?

It was noted by the Executive Director of NEWGA, Kathy Albright, these were not the normal dates for the tournament and also conflicted with other events so attendance was only 86 participants this year as opposed to the normal 108.

Since Maine will be hosting the 2012 NEWGA tournament our vice President-elect, Trudy Dorval, traveled to Connecticut to play with me and see what the event is all about. That was greatly appreciated and I thank her sincerely.

We received much advice on where to host the event for 2012 and all was carefully considered and many were visited. The best advice on where to hold it came from the Executive Director of NEWGA, which was to hold it on a good golf course where you have the most support from the course and members. This final advice helped us to make the decision to hold it on the Tomahawk Course at Natanis in the second week of July for 2012.

The specific dates will be announced a little later this fall. I am very happy with this decision as I think it will be a great competition and this is the location I have been eying since our State tournament was held there as they did such a great job. It is close enough for me to organize it and very close to I-95.

When I mentioned the location to other players at NEWGA they wanted to know if they could go on to Acadia National Park, other specific courses they wanted to play, LL Bean's and many other points of interest so it seems a good choice due to its central location. Accommodation should not be a problem with Augusta nearby.

NEWGA specifically mentioned they did not want a banquet this year so that make the task easier.

We will be putting committees together this fall and organizing so this will be a great golf event.